

SWEETHEART THE TRUE.

I dream I tread upon a path
Which leads to a happy home,
By dark green banks of cooling stream,
All glorious in its flashing foam.
Winding after through cooling shade
Between green banks of flowering stream,
Its soft moss borders flower lined
In dappled light by clouds now dimmed
The river flows on its way
Ah, fair! So fair, it can but seem
To pilgrims in a deep, dreamy haze
The vision seems to fade away
A vision still to him who walks
The farther end, past all the shades
The trapper who has been told
That in mirage lands dwell
That for all buds that he has found
Abides of roses above the ground.
Then each will fade!

No-one is true
To cheer when every rose has
Faded in the glory of the day
And all bright visions fly away.
Sweetheart the true, the fairer gown
Fairest that you are true alone.
—Womankind.

HIS FIRST FIGHT.

A friend of mine, a soldier, who died
In Greece of fever some years since,
described to me one day his first engage-
ment. His story so impressed me that I
wrote it down from memory. It was as
follows:

I joined my regiment on Sept. 4. It
was evening. I found the colonel in the
camp. "He received me rather brusque-
ly, but having read the general's intro-
ductory letter he changed his manner
and addressed me courteously.

By him I was presented to my cap-
tain, who had just come in from recon-
noitering. This captain, whose acquaint-
ance I had secured some time, to make, was
a tall, dark man of husky, swelling ap-
pearance. He had been a private soldier and
had won his cross and epaulettes upon
the field of battle. His voice, which was
hoarse and feeble, contrasted strangely
with his gigantic stature. This voice of
his he now used to issue orders to the
soldiers who were about him.

On learning that I had just come from
college at Fontainebleau, he remarked
with a wry face, "My lieutenant died
last night."

I understood what he implied. "It is
for you to take his place, and you are
good for nothing."

A sharp retort was on my tongue, but
I restrained it.

The moon was rising behind the re-
doubt of Cheveriv, which stood two
cannon shots from our encampment.
The moon was large and red, as is com-
mon at her rising, but that night she
seemed to me of extraordinary size. For
an instant the redoubt stood out coal
black against the glittering disk. It re-
sembled the cone of a volcano at the mo-
ment of eruption.

An old soldier at whose side I found
myself observed the color of the moon.
"She is very red," he said. "It is a
sign that it will cost us dear to win this
wonderful redoubt."

I was always superstitious, and this
piece of augury, coming at that mo-
ment, troubled me. I thought my com-
mand could not succeed. I was not alone
about while, watching the long line of
fires upon the heights beyond the village
of Cheveriv.

When the sharp night air had thor-
oughly refreshed my blood, I went back
to the fire. I rolled my mantle round
me, and I shut my eyes, trusting not to
open them till daylight. But sleep re-
fused to visit me. Incessantly my
thoughts grew gloomier. I told myself
that I had not a friend among the 100,
000 men who filled that plain. If I
were wounded, I should be placed in
hospital in the hands of ignorant and
careless surgeons. I called to mind what
I had heard of operations. My heart
beat violently, and I mechanically ar-
ranged at a kind of rattle, the curious
handkerchief and pocketbook upon my
breast. Then, overpowered with wear-
iness, my eyes closed drowsily, only to
open the next instant with a start at
some new thought of horror.

Fatigue, however, at last gained the
day. When the drums beat at daybreak,
I was fast asleep. We were drawn up in
ranks. The roll was called, then the
Russian falling back and everything an-
nounced that we should pass another
uneventful day.

But about 8 o'clock an aid-de-camp
arrived with orders. We were com-
manded to take arms.

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by these prophetic words. But, con-
script though I was, I felt that I could
trust my thoughts to no one, and that it
was my duty to seem always calm and
bold.

At the end of half an hour the Rus-
sian fire had sensibly diminished. We
left our cover to advance on the re-
doubt.

Our regiment was composed of three
battalions. The second had to take the
enemy in flank. The two others formed
the storming party. I was in the third.

On issuing from behind the cover we
were received by several volleys, which
did but little harm. The whistling of
the bullets amazed me. "But after all,"
I thought, "a battle is less terrible than
I expected."

We advanced at a smart run, our
muskets in front.

All at once the Russians uttered three
hurrahs, three distinct hurrahs, and then
stood silent without firing.

"I don't like that silence," said the
captain. "It bodes no good."

I began to think our people were too
eager. I could not help comparing,
mentally, their shouts and clamor with
the striking silence of the enemy.

We quickly reached the foot of the
redoubt. The palisades were broken and
the earthworks shattered by our balls.
With a roar of "Vive l'empereur!" our
soldiers rushed across the ruins.

Against my eyes. Never shall I forget
the sight which met my view. The
smoke had mostly lifted and remained
suspended like a canopy at 20 feet above
the redoubt. Through a bluish mist
could be perceived, behind the shattered
parapet the Russian grenadiers with
rifles lifted, as motionless as statues.

In the center of the left eye of every
soldier glaring at us, the right hid-
den by his lifted gun. In an embrace
at a few feet distant a man with a fuse
stood by a cannon.

Lahuddled. I believed that my last
hour had come.

"Now for the dance to open," cried
the captain. These were the last words
I heard him speak.

There came from the redoubts a roll
of drums. I saw the muzzles lowered.
I shut my eyes. I heard a most appalling
crash of sound, to which succeeded
groans and cries. Then I looked up.
The redoubt was once more wrapped in
smoke. I was surrounded by the dead
and wounded. The captain was extend-
ed at my feet. A ball had carried off
his head, and I was covered with his
blood. Of all the company only six men
except myself remained erect.

This carnage was succeeded by a kind
of stupor. The next instant the colonel,
with his hat on his sword's point, had
scaled the parapet with a cry of "Vive
l'empereur!" The survivors followed
him. All that succeeded to me was a kind
of dream. We rushed into the redoubt.
I know not how; we fought hand to
hand in the midst of smoke so thick
that no man could perceive his enemy.

I found my saber dripping blood, I
heard a shout of "Victory!" and in the
clearing smoke I saw the earthworks
piled with dead and dying. The can-
nons were covered with a heap of
corpses. About 300 men in the French
uniform were standing without order
loading their muskets or wiping their
bayonets. Eleven Russian prisoners
were with them.

The colonel was lying, bathed in
blood, upon a broken cannon. A group
of soldiers crowded round him. I ap-
proached them, and I saw the colonel
asking of a sergeant.

"Who is the oldest captain?" he was
asking of a sergeant.

The sergeant shrugged his shoulders
most expressively.

"Who is the oldest lieutenant?"
"This gentleman, who came last
night," replied the sergeant calmly.

The colonel smiled bitterly.

"Come, sir," he said to me, "you are
now in chief command. Fortify the
gorge of the redoubt at once with your
guns, for the enemy is out in force. But
General C. is coming to support you."

"Colonel," I asked him, "are you
badly wounded?"

"Pish, my dear fellow. The redoubt
is taken." — Prosper Merimee.

Couriers and Interpreters in Spain.
On the platform we were stopped,
first by hotel touts, who told us in bad
French that we must go with them, and
then by interpreters, who said that they
could speak German, which was of no
possible use to us, or English, which we
could hear was no more fluent than our
Spanish, and porters, who fought to
carry our bags and, guests, officers,
who wanted to look into them, and of
course the most hideous of beggars. J.
got rid of the customs officer, and we
went outside to find a hotel coach for
ourselves. As we did so, the most odious of
the interpreters, sweet and smiling, and
no doubt later at the Roman, he claimed a
fee of 2 francs for his services. — Elizabeth
Robins Penhall in Century.

WAYS OF THE CUCKOOS.
Conclusions Derived From a Long Series
of Observations in England.
The London Field tells of the eggs of
the cuckoo and of the foster-parents as
exhibited in a collection comprising 919
cuckoo eggs and accompanying data, or
sets, of the foster parents. These eggs
were owned by E. Bidwell, Walter
Rothschild, P. Crowley and a man not
a member of the British Ornithologists'
club, Mr. Mager, who had more than
any other—276 cuckoo eggs and 50 fos-
terers. The conclusions which have
been arrived at in regard to the habits
of the cuckoo are as follows: The eggs
are remarkable in their form, the weight
of the shells and the thickness and
hardness of the shells. The eggs laid in
the nests of two kinds of birds (Ruti-
cilla phoeniceus and Fringilla monti-
fringilla) are nearly always like the
eggs of the foster parents. Furthermore,
imitations of the cuckoo's eggs are found
in other varieties but are never found
in several species. It seems from the
fact that the cuckoo has the power of laying
eggs of a certain color or size resem-
bling those of the duped foster parents,
in at least some instances. Most cuckoos
lay their eggs in nests of some particu-
lar species of bird, the red breasts or
reed warblers, for instance. Cuckoos
change to other varieties of nests only
when they cannot find the accustomed
ones, and they come to one district year
after year.

The female bird lays about 20 eggs in
a year, which is more than the respect-
able female birds of ordinary species.
This is because of the precarious exist-
ence of the eggs, which are liable to be
destroyed by the foster parents, or by
whose nest they are placed. One egg
only is placed in one nest by the mother
bird, which usually, though not always,
throws out one of the original eggs.

One hundred and nineteen varieties
of birds have been imposed upon by the
cuckoo, and while most of these birds
were small ones, warblers, flycatchers
and the like, turtle, stock and ring-
doves, little grebes, magpies, jackdaws,
and even the shrikes (four kinds), have
given support to this race of beggars.

Christians.
The chief story of Christians is the
brood Karl Johann Gade, which leads
up from the eastern station to the pal-
ace. Here on opposite sides are two
buildings of importance, where young
men flock to study and old men meet to
legislate. The proximity of politics and
learning recalls the conception of Stein,
who hoped that the presence of a great
university in Berlin would have a good
effect on the government. The chief
Prussian and Norwegian temples of the
thoughtful goddess were founded within
a few years of each other. Both have
displayed a readiness to welcome new
ideas and further the cause of free-
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and the harbor. There the dramatist is
in the habit of walking every day,
and his countrymen are said to regulate
their watches by his appearance. It was
my fortune to lunch in a restaurant at a
table near from where he sat, but his
face did not specially attract me. These
who feel more sympathy with his work
and relish his portraits of exceptions
would be fascinated by his grim and
crabbed features, unrelieved by any
frank or genial smile, for of such are
the world's reformers.

Inclosed in a shed on the grassy
ground behind the university buildings
are two viking ships, which date from
the middle ages. No relics of the past
are more essentially poetic than those
which mark the earliest triumphs of
man in his awful struggle with things.
According to all accounts, the lot of
Norwegian fishermen and peasants is
still peculiarly hard, for nature is a
cruel stepmother, and life becomes a
struggle for them by excess of work.
—Westminster Review

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